

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO THE BIDAR CITY.

*Q.—315. Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN (Bidar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the capacity of the Electric Plant that supplies current to Bidar City;

(b) whether it is not a fact that it is of too low a capacity to satisfy the daily needs of the people;

(c) whether it is not a fact that the private owner of the plant has contravened the terms of his licence in that he has failed to provide the required street light and to extend constant current to the desirous individuals of the City;

(d) if so, the reasons for not cancelling his licence.

(e) the steps they intend to take to see that Bidar City also gets constant and adequate current just as other District Headquarters of the State get;

(f) the time required for such purpose?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Less than 25 K.W. Capacity.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The question of revocation of the licence is under consideration.

(e) The Mysore State Electricity Board is negotiating to acquire the Undertaking and thereafter supply hydel power.

(f) Soon after the Undertaking is taken over from the licensee.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know from what source the Government want to supply hydel power to Bidar?

† Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It may be possible to supply from Tungabhadra Project.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know how much time is required?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It is a question of taking over the present concern and finalising the negotiations. After that we may be able to give power. All that depend upon the negotiations which are carried on between the Government and the company.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know whether any notice has been served upon the Undertaking to take over the management?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Yes, we are serving a notice for certain irregularities committed by the licensee. We are negotiating to take over the concern. An Accounts Officer has taken valuation of the concern and he also offered for an amount of Rs. 1,08,000/-. It is under negotiation.